Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence and determinants of asthma in adult male leather tannery workers in Karachi, Pakistan: A cross sectional study

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General
This manuscript is a considerable improvement on the earlier version. I am disappointed that the authors have chosen not to consider work-related asthma separately - and frankly unimpressed by their justification for not doing so. Subjective reports of work-related asthma are used extensively and generally have a reasonable level of specificity. I suspect that other readers will feel similarly.

My comment about the distributions of some variables was made simply to suggest that those without a normal distribution (such as income) are better expressed as medians (range) than by mean and standard deviation - an index which of course has no meaning for skewed distributions.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests